# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HOME AFFAIRS
# LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:61
ANSWERED ON:20.11.2007
CYBER CRIMES
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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) the total number of cases relating to cyber crimes lodged during the last three years and during this year and the nature of such cases;

(b) the average age of the persons committing such crimes; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to prevent such crimes?

## Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL)

(a) to (c) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 61 FOR 20.11.2007 REGARDING `CYBER CRIMES`.

(a) The State/UT wise cases relating to cyber crimes registered under the Information Technology Act, 2000 (IT Act) and various sections of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) during 2004 to 2006, as compiled by National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), are enclosed at Annexure-I. NCRB collects and compiles this data on annual basis only. The crime-head wise details of cases registered under IT Act and IPC Section during 2004 to 2006 are enclosed at Annexure-II

(b) NCRB does not maintain information on the exact age of the persons arrested. However, the State/UT-wise details of persons arrested in different age-groups under IT Act & related IPC Sections during 2004 to 2006 are given at Annexure-III. It is seen that 82.01%, 86.64% and 85.31% of the persons arrested under IT Act and related IPC Sections during 2004,2005 and 2006 respectively belonged to the age-group 18-45.

(c) Cyber crimes can be dealt with under the provisions of the IT Act and IPC. The Government has introduced Information Technology (Amendment) Bill, 2006 in the Parliament, which inter alia provides for dealing with new forms of crimes like publishing of material containing sexually explicit act in electronic form, video voyeurism, breach of confidentiality and leakage of data by service providers, e-commerce fraud through impersonation commonly known as phishing, identity theft and offensive message through communication service.